

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/811,160
Applicant(s) : Bilskie, et al.
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Title : AN APPARATUS FOR SLABBING A
: ROLL OF MATERIAL
TC/A.U. : 3724
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Docket No. : 9596
Customer No. : 27752

STATUS OF CLAIMS

In the Notice of Appeal, Appellants appealed the final rejection of all pending Claims 1-20. The complete copy of the appealed Claims is set forth in the Appendix. Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 11-14, 16, and 18-19 are presented for appeal.

1. Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 11-14, 16, and 18-19 remain finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over *McCay*, et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,506,575, in view of *Esping*, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,761,098.

2. Claims 1, 3-5, 9, 11-12, and 16 remain finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over *Pyron*, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,759,350 in view of *Pienta*, U.S. Patent No. 5,308,217.

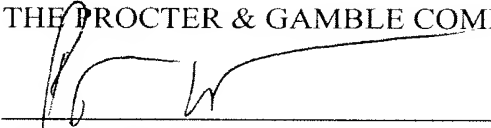
3. Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 11-14, 16, and 18-19 remain finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over *Pyron* in view of *Pienta* and further in view of *McCay*.

4. Claims 2, 8, 10, 15, 17, and 20 have been withdrawn.

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